

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (1876?) Alec dear,

What put such dreadful ideas into your head. Why will you always make so much of the slightest words of mine. It is true that I do care a good deal about the gold medal — or did for you have most driven me to hate it, but I don't and did not set my heart upon it in the frantic manner you imagine. I should be pleased if you had obtained it and I am very much delighted with Sir Williams notice of you, but indeed I do not think his opinion would have made very much difference only so far as that I should think an experienced practical electrician would be likely to know better than one so young as you whether your inventions were practical or not. But if I saw with my own eyes the fulfilment of your ideas if I saw that you really could send a verbal message along the wire, I can't see what difference anybody else's opinion would make. Alec I really and truly do think I am as much and more pleased when you tell me of a new advance made in your work than if you had the medal. I am only so much pleased when I see others appreciating your work, I don't think it makes any difference in my own opinion of it. I am so sorry you went home last night thinking I cared so very much for the medal, for I fear you felt I had degraded myself to do so.

My ideas are not very collected, so much has been going around me. I want you to receive this as soon as possible and Willie, Katie and Lina will post it.

Augusta forgot the express frank, I send it.

In haste, Ever lovingly yours, Mabel.